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TAGS: CIEC

SUBJECT: PEREZ GUERRERO-MACEACHEN MEETING

SUMMARY

1. PEREZ GUERRERO AND MACEACHEN AGREE MARCH 7 TO A PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR RESUMED CIEC MEETINGS, WHICH, MACEACHEN BELIEVES, WILL ACHIEVE G-8 OBJECTIVES. END SUMMARY.

2. CANADIAN EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMED EMBASSY PG AND MACEACHEN AGREED TO PROPOSE FOLLOWING MESSAGE BE SENT TO CIEC MEMBERS:
QUOTE. AFTER CONSULTATION WITH OUR RESPECTIVE GROUPS, WE HAVE AGREED TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING PREPARATORY ARRANGEMENTS AND DATES FOR THE FINAL PHASE OF THE CONFERENCE:
APRIL 26-28 - MEETING OF 10 CO-CHAIRMEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH MEETINGS OF THE G-8 AND THE G-19 AT SENIOR LEVEL.
APRIL 29 - MAY 14 - CONTACT GROUPS
MAY 26 - 27 - MEETING OF SENIOR OFFICIALS
MAY 30 - JUNE 1 - MINISTERIAL MEETING
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 26-28 WOULD BE TO ASSESS THE SITUATION AND TO LAUNCH THE PROCESS OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THESE PROPOSALS WILL BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU. WE INTEND TO PROCEED TO IMPLEMENT THESE PROPOSALS UNLESS OBJECTION HAS BEEN RAISED BY MARCH 21. UNQUOTE. MESSAGE WILL BE TRANSMITTED FORMALLY TO CIEC 27 THROUGH GUITTON ON MARCH 9, AFTER TRANSMITTAL TO G-8 AND G-19 SEPARATELY.

3. SOURCE SAID PG AT FIRST INSISTED THAT INITIAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING BE AT SENIOR OFFICIALS LEVEL. AFTER MACEACHEN RESISTED STRONGLY P-G HIMSELF PROPOSED COMPROMISE FORMULA OF "MEETING OF 10 CO-CHAIRMEN IN COMBINATION WITH MEETING OF THE G-8 AND THE G-19 AT SENIOR LEVEL."

4. ONLY OTHER CONTROVERSIAL POINT WAS LENGTH OF MINISTERIAL MEETING, P-G INSISTED ON NEED FOR THREE-DAY MEETING, CITING THREE-DAY MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED LAST DECEMBER. SOURCE SAID MACEACHEN WELL AWARE OF CONFLICT WITH IDB MEETING ON JUNE 1 AND SAID MACEACHEN WILL BE CONSULTING WITH USG ON THIS POINT. SOURCE SAID MACEACHEN SATISFIED THAT HE ACHIEVED ESSENTIAL G-8 OBJECTIVES.

5. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WERE NOT DISCUSSED EXCEPT INFORMALLY DURING LUNCH AND DINNER. NEVERTHELESS, SOURCE SAID P-G APPARENTLY OPTIMISTIC AND PLEASED BY WHAT HE HAS HEARD OF ATTITUDE OF NEW U.S.

ADMINISTRATION. MACEACHEN CONCURRED, CITING G-8 MEETING IN PARIS, HIS OWN CONTACTS WITH USG, AND RECENT MEETING OF PM TRUDEAU AND PRESIDENT CARTER.

6. CANADIAN SOURCE SAID PG PLACED PARTICULAR STRESS ON IMPORTANCE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING BEFORE SUMMIT MEETING. CANADIANS HAD IMPRESSION THAT PG'S VIEWS WERE REINFORCED BY HIS RECENT TALKS WITH PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAIGN, WHO APPARENTLY LED HIM TO BELIEVE THAT VIEWS OF SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD BE HIGHLY RELEVANT TO SUMMIT AGENDA.

7. MEETING FOLLOWED BY JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE VAT WHICH FOLLOWING JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED (INFORMAL TRANSLATION FROM SPANISH TEXT):
QUOTE. HAVING CONSULTED THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION, ALLAN J. MACEACHEN OF CANADA AND MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO OF VENEZUELA, MET IN CARACAS ON MARCH 7 TO DISCUSS PREPARATIONS FOR THE FINAL STAGE OF CIEC. THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN AGREED ON THE WORK CALENDAR TO BE PROPOSED TO THE 27 MEMBERS OF THE CONFERENCE. IN THE OPINION OF BOTH CO-CHAIRMEN, AND IN THE LIGHT OF MEETINGS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE GROUPS, THE NORTH-SOUTH CONFERENCE IS IN ITS FINAL AND DECISIVE STAGE, WHICH THEY EXPECT (ESPERAN) WILL BE CONCLUDED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. UNQUOTE.

8. THE CO-CHAIRMEN AVOIDED ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT SPECIFIC DATES OF THE PROPOSED SCHEDULE PENDING CONSULTATION WITH CIEC MEMBERS. THEY ALSO STATED THAT OTHER FACTORS WERE INVOLVED IN THE DECISION TO DELAY THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN ADDITION TO THE CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATIONS IN THE US (I.E., THE JAPANESE ELECTIONS AND "THE NECESSITY FOR A PERIOD OF REFLECTION"). ASKED WHAT POSITIVE RESULTS EACH GROUP CAN EXPECT, PG REPLIED, "WE HAVE HOPED THAT THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD PARTICULARLY BENEFIT, BECAUSE THEY ARE POORER, BUT WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE NORTH. A SUCCESS WILL HAVE TO BE SOMETHING THAT REPRESENTS SOMETHING SUFFICIENT SO THAT ALL OF US, THAT IS TO SAY ALL THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, CAN CONSIDER THAT WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED IS SUFFICIENT TO ENSURE THAT INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION

CAN ENTER INTO MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AND POSITIVE CHANNELS."
ASKED ABOUT HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS REGARDING A LACK
OF POLITICAL WILL ON THE PART OF SOME COUNTRIES,
PG REPLIED, "THIS WAS THE VIEW OF THE GROUP OF 19
... WE HAVE NOT CHANGED OUR OPINION
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BUT WE HAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT THIS POLITICAL WILL
WHICH WAS LACKING IS NOW MANIFESTING ITSELF AND
WE HOPE THAT IT WILL BE MANIFESTED IN A MORE CONCRETE
MANNER."
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